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SHOE COMPRISING AUTOMATIC CLOSING SYSTEM

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as intended by any amendment referred to above.

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## Priority Claimed

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